

SPIDER.

A TRUE STORY. BY ELIZABETH STORNS.

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threatening for "Cuba Libre." It was in this province and in this very locality that the first seed of the present revolution was sown, in blood, under the leadership of Antonio Maceo.

DESERET GOLD MONEY.

Story of the Ancient and Forgotten Coinage of Utah. The ancient coinage of Utah, the period when the glittering particles of yellow gold from California were mined in a little adobe building in Salt Lake, has been half forgotten, relates the Salt Lake Tribune.

Prior to the establishment of the mint all gold that was to be weighed when payments for merchandise were made, were made in many cases the merchant with whom the purchaser was dealing had no gold scales, and much trouble resulted.

They carried the precious dust and nuggets in buckskin pouches to the mint, where it was weighed and coined absolutely without alloy. The mint building was at that time a considerably more pretentious structure than it is now.

No toll was taken out of the gold, the coinage being absolutely free. At first the \$20 pieces were most plentiful and popular. Then a large number of \$5 coins were made and these were the most popular.

When President Brigham Young died in 1877 his executors, in going over his personal property, found a locked strong box. On forcing the lid a number of the coins of the period were found.

Two sets of dies were used for the \$5 pieces. The first set, as has been stated, proving unsatisfactory, another set was made. No milling appears on the edges except in the late issues.

The old mint building has also had its day. Now it is falling into dilapidation and the building is to be razed to the ground.

CUBA LIBRE A CHIMERA.

Sacrifices Made by America that Are Without Practical Value. A correspondent of the New York Times writes from Santiago: This city impresses upon me more and more the fact that the "Cuba Libre" the Cuban republic, and the Cuban "nation" that we have fought for and suffered so much for is a chimera.

As I walk up and down the streets of this old Columbian city, that has witnessed in the story of Spanish corruption for a period more than three times as long as its free little republic, and see in its tortuous alleys and in its stony and factories not Cubans, but men who fear "Cuba" as well as despise Spain—I ask where is the Cuban nation and if there really is or can be a Cuban people.

ASCENT OF THE GRAND TETON

How Four Persons Accomplished What Was Considered Impossible.

TASK FRAUGHT WITH MUCH DANGER

Crawling Up the Imposing Peak of Wyoming—Thrilling Experiences on the Way—Dangers of the Journey.

A brief dispatch last week announced that a party of mountain climbers had returned to the levels after completing the ascent of one of the three Grand Teton peaks, the highest of which is 14,255 feet above the sea level.

The party justly more than a week's journey. There were four men who made the ascent—Ray, Frank S. Spaulding, formerly of Denver and now of Erie, Pa., a son of Bishop John F. Spaulding of the diocese of Colorado; W. O. Owens of Cheyenne, Frank S. Peterson of Jackson, Wyo., and John Shive of Elk, Wyo.

They started at 5 o'clock. The first difficulty encountered was that we would not find any good routes which would not abruptly precipitate. We went up something like 100 feet, and being confronted with a wall of rock went down again.

"We began to realize what was before us, but we had no fear in our final success. Our outfit consisted of 450 feet of rope, two ice axes, two iron-pointed crampons, two ice picks, and a couple of tin cans.

"The glacier led to a snow field 100 yards in width. The snow was so soft that we had no difficulty in walking over it. Then we came to another range of rock, but this time in length and at a steep angle.

"Below the gallery and putting out from the wall of rock were two large slides, probably six feet in length, which had been sprung out from the main wall by the action of the ice and rain.

"Even the consciousness that a fall would lead us 1,000 feet below gave us a distinctly creepy sensation. We had to dig our fingers in the rough granite in places to pull ourselves along. We encouraged each other by keeping up a natural conversation, but it was with an immense feeling of relief that we crossed the ledge and came to a sort of niche with a small overhanging rock.

"It was while we were going up this niche that the only accident, if you could call it such, occurred. John Shive was the last man coming up. A rock weighing 200 lbs. or more became dislodged and fell with a crash on his head.

"As beautiful as is the scene from Pike's Peak, that from the Grand Teton surpasses it. From Pike's Peak you do not see these four grand canyons, nor do the walls fall sheer and ending in all directions from the west you look down in Teton basin as far as the eye can reach.

"The little town of Carey, situated high up on the mountainside in the center of the timber industry. A most excellent quality of the leaf is here grown and shipped to Havana, blossoming forth as the genuine Havana cigar, so highly prized by connoisseurs in southern cities. A little farther along

rock we planted the metal flag of the Rocky Mountain club and in a copper box sunk in the stone we inclosed the record of the ascent. The four that reached the top were Owen, Peterson, Shive and myself. Hugh McDermott and Cooper only went a portion of the way. McDermott passed himself on a spur and shouting up to us what he thought possible directions by which the top might be gained.

"The ascent was harder than the ascent because it was more than 100 feet to the top of four places as a precautionary measure, although really there was but one place where it was absolutely necessary.

"We were the first mortals to ever gain the summit of the mighty mountain. In 1871 Langford and Stevenson of the Hayden survey claimed to have ascended it and Langford wrote an article for Scribner's Magazine. Hayden refused to believe the claim, as both were poor climbers, so his certain knowledge. Afterwards Stevenson admitted that they did not quite reach the top.

"Mr. Spaulding states that the height of the Grand Teton is exactly 14,255 feet, but as a peak, it is greater than Pike's, as the valley here is 4,000 feet below it and it carries its head almost alone, like a great pyramid, into the clouds.

"Mr. Spaulding reports that Jackson's Hole is swarming with game and denies that there is any fear of a Bannock raid. The game is so plentiful that the ranchers are forced to drive the elk from the park in winter. Trout were taken by the party out of Snake river that weighed from seven to ten pounds.

"Send your out of town friends three photographs of the Exposition. Only two cents. The See office has them. PORTO RICO'S GREAT HIGHWAY. Pen Picture of a Journey Over a Magnificent Road.

"Nothing is so striking to the traveler from the north as the sudden appearance of exuberant tropical vegetation which presents itself to view on entering the exquisite harbor of San Juan, says a writer in the New York Herald. The steamer swings around the foundations of old Marco castle, situated in the center of the bay.

"The day after landing we set out on our journey across the island. Our choice of route was dictated by the diligence of our horses and the weather. We were a four-seated carriage, for the hire of which we were asked \$30. We chose the latter, as it would enable us to enjoy the scenery as we had been told was unrivaled.

"On leaving Rio Piedras to the left upon a hill is the reservoir for supplying water to the city. As usual, with Spanish enterprises, it is still in construction, and the water is carried to the city by a small foreign capital.

"The descent of the mountains took us across numerous streams, some harmless rivulets, but in the rainy season swollen to impetuous torrents the passage of which is often impossible for days together. The principal valleys north and south, the valley of the mountains, are bounded by the southern slopes of the mountains and are therefore, safer for the cultivation of coffee. In the harvest time many steamers tie in the roadsides and are laden from 100,000 with the precious freight which is brought annually to the island of about 100,000 annually.

"Chicago Post: If you'd been half an hour later, she said, 'I don't know what I should have done.' 'What's happened?' he asked. 'Why, Mrs. Galling's best son has been broken in a living skull, which is a terrible thing. I don't know what to do for you to come home to tell you that.'

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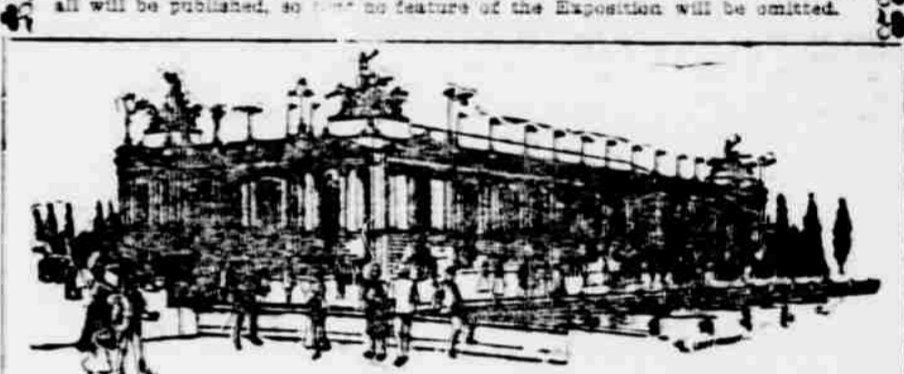
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